KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Tissue Culture is a new technology which is still under trial in the country. The Department of Bio-Technology has initiated action in last three years to set up facilities by way of pilot plant units for producing plantlets using this technology. These plantlets are yet to be tried extensively under field conditions.

(c) and (d). Under the Afforestation and Tree Plantation Programme covering all States and Union Territories, the total area coverage from 1960 to 1990 was 16.7 million hectares, of which 8.88 million hectares was during the Seventh Plan period (185-90). In the last two years about 15,000 Tissue Culture raised plantlets have been taken up for condcting field trails.

(e) Monitoring and evaluation of the afforestation/tree planting activities is carried out through the State Governments who have their own have their own arrangements for this purpose. Studies and evaluation of social forestry activities carried out in different States reveal that these activities have contributed to increase in bio-mass production, employment opportunities and income generation in rural areas, encouragement of farm-forestry/agro-forestry on private lands, involvement of women and voluntary agencies in forestry activities.

[*Translation*]

Lifting Ban on Certain Medicines

4367. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have lifted the ban imposed on certain medicines;

(b) if so, the names of those medicines; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Admission in Aligarh Muslim University

4368. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University has adopted a resolution proposing a scheme of admission with reservation for Muslim students;

(b) if so, the particulars of the proposed scheme;

(c) whether despite objection by the Government the Court has recently reaffirmed the resolution;

(d) whether the Government recognise the Aligarh Muslim University as a minority institution;

(e) if so, whether the Government have taken notice of the recent judgement of the Supreme Court recognising the right of minority institutions to reserve upto 50% of their intake for the community concerned; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The Court of Aligarh Muslim University, in its meeting held on 20.8.89, resolved inter alia to accept the recommendations of the Tyabji Committee for reservation of 50% seats in Class XI,